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Statement from Sen. Cropsey on Baldwin prison veto

LANSING – The following is a statement from Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, regarding the governor's line-item veto today of the Baldwin Youth Correctional Facility:

"I am deeply disappointed by this veto. The department is constantly telling us that they don't have enough space to keep violent prisoners locked up. We hear on a daily basis how tight the budget is, and we hear the governor's comments of 'jobs, jobs, jobs.' And now the governor has chosen to reduce prison bed space, save no money because she's offering to hire the Baldwin corrections officers, and devastate a local economy.

"The veto is a disappointing insight into the fog machine of political posturing while the raw power of politics worsens the plight of hard-working citizens."

Cropsey chairs the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that oversees the corrections budget.

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